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SUBJECT: CONTINUED SOVIET PRESS ATTACK ON US TRADE DISCRIMINATION

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1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES ITS ATTACK ON US TRADE MEASURES CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATORY BY USSR. WRITING IN INTERNATIONAL COMMENTATORS'S COLUMN OF AUGUST 9 PRAVDA, VLADIMIR BOLSHAKOV CITES RECENT CRITICAL STATEMENTS OF ATLANTICK COUNCIL AID LEADING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ABOUT JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS LACK OF MFN AND US EXPORT CONTROLS, BUT NOT LACK OF EXIM CREDIT. BOLSHAKOV ARGUES THAT IMPEDIMENTS TO TRADE ONLY SERVING INTERESTS OF "ANTI-DETENTE CIRCLES" IN US AND ARE HARMFUL

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TO AMERICAN ECONOMY. IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED CRITICISMS IN US THAT IT IS ONLY SOVIET UNION WHICH GAINS FROM THIS TRADE, BOLSHAKOV REFERS TO PRESIDENT'S CHARLESTON SPEECH AND CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT, IN SPEAKING OF IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET TRADE, "CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO MENTION THE HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE USSR IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." (WE HAVE FOUND NO SUCH MENTION IN OUR COPY OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.) BOLSHAKOV

ENDS HIS ARTICLE BY STATING THAT ELIMINATION OF US DISCRIMINATORY TRADE MEASURES "WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SERIOUSLY INCREASE THE VOLUME OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE" AND THAT SUCH A GROWTH WOULD CORRESPOND TO "THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI."

2. COMMENT: SOVIET PRESS HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN RUNNING ARTICLES ATTACKING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF US TRADE POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. A FAVORITE TECHNIQUE IS TO QUOTE "WELL-KNOWN" US BUSINESSMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA WHO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF INCREASED SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AND AGAINST EXISTING RESTRICTIONS. WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO SEE SUCH ARTICLES IN CENTRAL PRESS AS ONE MEANS OF CONTINUED PRESSURE ON US TO CHANGE PRESENT POLICY AND ALSO TO REPRESENT US AS NOT LIVING UP TO "SPIRIT" OF HELSINKI IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AREAN.
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